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REMARKS

By way of summary, Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 25 - 27 were pending in this application, and Claims 18-22, which depend from Claim 16, were previously withdrawn. The outstanding Office Action allows Claims 16 and 17. Claims 18-22, which depend from allowed independent Claim 16 remain listed. The remaining rejected claims are cancelled herewith. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the previously withdrawn, cancelled, unamended claims or claims of broader scope at a later date. Thus, allowable Claims 16 and 17 are pending for a requested Notice of Allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner consider withdrawn dependent claims 18-22 for allowable matter. If the Examiner does not deem any of Claims 18-22 allowable, the Examiner is authorized to cancel any of withdrawn dependent Claims 18-22 in an Examiner's Amendment.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending application, which contains a known priority relationship to the present application.

Serial Number	Title	Filed
12/011,115	METHOD AND DEVICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF NASAL SINUS DISORDERS	01/23/2008
12/258,309	METHODS AND DEVICES FOR TREATMENT OF BONE FRACTURES	10/24/2008

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